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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 14 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

Monday, 16 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/1998/839, S/1998/990 and S/1998/1040)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	59th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/501) [20]:

(continued overleaf)

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/139) [20 (a)];

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/157, A/53/213, A/53/291, A/53/292, A/53/307, A/53/316, A/53/330, A/53/344, A/53/359, A/53/361, A/53/377, A/53/424, A/53/538);

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.26/Rev.2, L.27, L.29, L.30/Rev.1, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.36);

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/153) [20 (d)].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 20th meeting — Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [86] (A/53/21, A/53/509)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 39th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23

3. Training and research [96]

   (a) United Nations University

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22

5. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/374, A/C.2/53/6, A/53/664)

6. Programme planning [114] (A/53/16, A/53/6, Programmes 18, 20 and 28, A/C.2/53/5)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 47th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.27

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.32, L.35, L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.42, L.44 and L.48

3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.30 and L.31

5. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1 (programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/53/L.56)

6. Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.26**

7. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.34**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111] (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III, IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/513, A/52/867 and A/53/508)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/53/428)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (A/53/191, A/53/454 and A/53/654))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Human resources management [119] (A/53/642, A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/664, A/53/7/Add.4 and A/C.5/53/30)

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/53/30 and (A/C.5/53/4)

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11 and A/53/7/Add.6)

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1999 (A/C.5/53/29)

Administrative and financial implications arising from recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/53/3 and A/53/511)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/53/3, Chapters I, VIII (sections B and C) and XI)

Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 4

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [147] (A/53/276 and Corr.1)

Morning*-11.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on agenda item 148 (Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property)

11.30 a.m.-12 noon	Conference Room 4

[Presentation of electronic treaty database]

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

12 noon-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on agenda item 148 (Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property)

3 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 4

United Nations Decade of International Law [149] (A/53/332 and Add.1, A/53/492, A/53/525)

Action of the following draft proposals: A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1, L.10, L.11 and L.12

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Human resources management reform

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	195th meeting	Conference Room 8

1. Security of missions and the safety of their personnel
2. Other matters

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (A/C.3/53/L.58) (agenda item 110 (b)) on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

The Coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 16 November 1998

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on international trade and development (A/C.2/53/L.26))

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on the Bali Declaration and the Plan of Action on Regional and Sub-regional economic cooperation)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF THE ISLAMIC STATES

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordination meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Development and Human Rights: A View from the World Bank", in response to the Third Committee's debate on agenda item 110 (Human rights questions), with particular focus on the right to development, by Mr. Louis Forget, Legal Adviser on Institutional Affairs (World Bank). The presentation, organized by the World Bank, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be an informal presentation on international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan. The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Women's Environment and Development Organization, will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the cooperation of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), there will be a panel discussion on the human, ecological and economic problems and needs of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan and UNDP Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The main speaker will be H.E. Mr. Serikbek Daukeev, Minister of Ecology of Kazakhstan. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) will be held on Monday, 16 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 60th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance [42]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.28).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the session of the Commission acting as preparatory body for the high-level plenary review in the year 2000 (March 1999). Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Monday, 16 November 1998.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment or for the first week of the session will be open in New York on Monday, 16 November 1998. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on a brainstorming session on desertification)* on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work))* on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 pm. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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There will be a presentation by Dr. Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and current Chairman of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, on the activities of the Commission and on its report entitled "The Oceans...Our Future". The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. A briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, in collaboration with the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, for all States parties and signatory States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, to discuss and review a draft of Article 7 (Transparency measures). The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be an informal meeting on the World Conference on Racism, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The panellists include Mrs. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York, and Mrs. Mwila Grace Banda Chigaga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 13 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 30th meeting

The representative of India introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2.

The representative of Japan introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1.

The representative of Ireland introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions before it.

Operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2 was adopted 67 votes to 0, with 53 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 68 votes to 44, with 12 absten- tions.

The representative of Pakistan withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.54 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1).

Preambular paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1 was adopted 125 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions. Operative paragraph 1 was adopted 136 to 3, with 4 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 132 to 0, with 11 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1 was adopted 132 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions. Operative paragraph 17 was adopted 130 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 97 votes to 19, with 32 abstentions.

31st meeting

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions before it.

The representative of New Zealand, on behalf of its co-sponsors, withdrew draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.11.

The representative of Pakistan withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.53 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.11).

The representative of India withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.64 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.11).

The representative of New Zealand orally introduced draft decision A/C.1/53/L.65.

Draft decision A/C.1/53/L.65 was adopted by 135 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions.

The representative of Pakistan withdrew its proposal contained in document A/C.1/53/L.51 (amendment to A/C.1/53/L.24/Rev.1).

Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Conclusion of the Committee's work

The Chairman made a concluding statement and declared the work of the First Committee for the fifty-third session closed.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

Questions relating to information [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/509.

The representative of Belarus, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/53/21/Rev.1).

The Under-Secretary-General for Public Information made a statement.

The representative of UNESCO made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Ukraine, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group) and the United Arab Emirates.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, 18 November, the Committee would begin consideration of the last item on the

agenda namely, item 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

THIRD COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.30

The representative of Mozambique introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.31

The representative of the Sudan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Niger, Nigeria and Turkey.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.33

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.34

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions which had been made to the text when it was introduced.

Azerbaijan, Benin, Botswana, Bhutan, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Georgia, Guinea, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, Poland, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Uruguay further orally revised and corrected the text of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Costa Rica, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Cuba.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/53/281 and thus concluded its consideration of item 106.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.24

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications.

The Secretary then read out the revisions which had been made to the text when it was introduced.

Australia, Austria, Canada, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

A/C.3/53/L.25

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Indonesia orally revised the text.

Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Ireland, Israel, the Netherlands, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.21

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Egypt, Ethiopia and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed of the draft resolutions on which action would be taken on Monday, 16 November.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that office on the audit of the employment of retirees (A/53/642).

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Croatia, India, Togo, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Ukraine, China, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Thailand, Costa Rica, Ethiopia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Egypt and Kuwait.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services made a statement and responded to questions posed.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on a cost-benefit analysis on the use of existing conference facilities at the Palais Wilson at Geneva (A/53/302).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Italy and Egypt.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the item.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [153]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9.

The Chairman also spoke.

United Nations Decade of International Law [149]

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Indonesia (12 November 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Peru (13 November 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arrangements will be made for the signing of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations by a number of countries on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205 (Treaty Section Signature Room).

All delegations intending to sign are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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Presentation of a gift

On behalf of the United Nations, the Secretary-General will accept a gift from the Governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 12 noon, at the north-west corner of the United Nations garden.

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Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:
Australia
H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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